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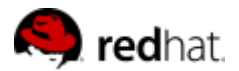
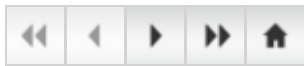
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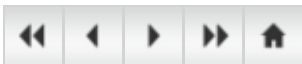
Introduction

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Welcome

Please let us know if you need any special assistance while visiting our training facility.

Please introduce yourself to the rest of the class!



Red Hat Enterprise Linux

- Enterprise-targeted Linux operating system
- Focused on mature open source technology
- Extended release cycle between major versions
 - With periodic minor releases during the cycle
 - Certified with leading OEM and ISV products
- All variants based on the same code
 - Certify once, run any application/anywhere/anytime
- Services provided on subscription basis



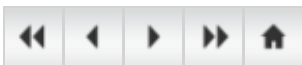
Red Hat Enterprise Linux Variants

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux Advanced Platform
 - Unlimited server size and virtualization support
 - HA clusters and cluster file system
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux
 - Basic server solution for smaller non-mission-critical servers
 - Virtualization support included
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux Desktop
 - Productivity desktop environment
 - *Workstation* option adds tools for software and network service development
 - *Multi-OS* option for virtualization



Red Hat Subscription Model

- Red Hat sells subscriptions that entitle systems to receive a set of services that support open source software
 - Red Hat Enterprise Linux and other Red Hat/JBoss solutions and applications
- Customers are charged an annual subscription fee per system
 - Subscriptions can be migrated as hardware is replaced
 - Can freely move between major revisions, up and down
 - Multi-year subscriptions are available
- A typical service subscription includes:
 - Software updates and upgrades through Red Hat Network
 - Technical support (web and phone)
 - Certifications, stable APIs/versions, and more



Contacting Technical Support

- Collect information needed by technical support:
 - Define the problem
 - Gather background information
 - Gather relevant diagnostic information, if possible
 - Determine the severity level
- Contacting technical support by WWW:
 - <http://www.redhat.com/support/>
- Contacting technical support by phone:
 - See <http://www.redhat.com/support/policy/sla/contact/>
 - US/Canada: 888-GO-REDHAT (888-467-3342)



Red Hat Network

- A systems management platform providing lifecycle management of the operating system and applications
 - Installing and provisioning new systems
 - Updating systems
 - Managing configuration files
 - Monitoring performance
 - Redeploying systems for a new purpose
- "Hosted" and "Satellite" deployment architectures



Red Hat Services and Products

- Red Hat supports software products and services beyond Red Hat Enterprise Linux
 - JBoss Enterprise Middleware
 - Systems and Identity Management
 - Infrastructure products and distributed computing
 - Training, consulting, and extended support
- <http://www.redhat.com/products/>



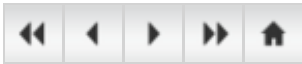
Fedora and EPEL

- Open source projects sponsored by Red Hat
- Fedora distribution is focused on latest open source technology
 - Rapid six month release cycle
 - Available as free download from the Internet
- EPEL provides add-on software for Red Hat Enterprise Linux
- Open, community-supported proving grounds for technologies which may be used in upcoming enterprise products
- Red Hat does not provide formal support



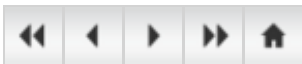
Objectives

- A user who can use effectively employ Red Hat Enterprise Linux to customize his or her operating environment as well as accomplish common command-line tasks and desktop productivity roles



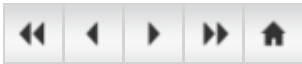
Audience and Prerequisites

- Audience: Users new to Linux and UNIX; users and administrators transitioning from another operating system
- User-level experience with any computer system; use of mouse, menus and any graphical user interface



Pre/Post-Assessments

- Some units begin with a pre-assessment
 - 3-5 simple questions about the unit's subject
 - Just leave blank if you don't know the answer
- Questions are asked again at the end of the unit



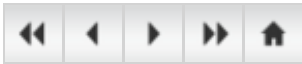
Lab Exercises

- Labs
 - Fundamental exercise providing basic goals, reinforcing the lecture
- Lab Solutions
 - Offers step-by-step detailed methodology
 - Found for all exercises that do not have specific steps themselves
- Challenge Labs
 - Advanced exercise, reinforcing more advanced topics from the lecture
 - Not all students may have the time to complete
- Optional Labs
 - Optional exercise that may depend on classroom specific environment



Classroom Network

- **example.com network (192.168.0.0/24)**
 - instructor.example.com (192.168.0.254)
 - Main classroom server: Provides DHCP, DNS, routing and other services
 - station X .example.com (192.168.0. X)
 - Student systems
 - server X .example.com (192.168.0. $X+100$)
 - Virtual server hosted on student stations (Not used in all classes)
- **remote.test network (192.168.1.0/24)**
 - cracker X .remote.test (192.168.1. X)
 - Virtual client hosted on student systems (Not used in all classes)



Notes on Internationalization

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux supports nineteen languages
- Default system-wide language can be selected
 - During installation
 - With **system-config-language** (System->Administration->Language)
- Users can set personal language preferences
 - From graphical login screen (stored in `~/.dmrc`)
 - For interactive shell (with `LANG` environment variable in `~/.bashrc`)
 - Alternate languages can be used on a per-command basis:

```
[user@host ~]$ LANG=ja_JP.UTF-8 date
```



Lecture 1

Linux Ideas and History



Objectives

Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Explain the nature of open source software
- Discuss the origins of Linux
- List the Red Hat operating system distributions
- Explain basic Linux principles



What is Open Source?

- Open source: software and source code available to all
- The Free Software Foundation specifies four freedoms
 - The freedom to run the program for any purpose.
 - The freedom to study and modify the source code
 - The freedom to redistribute the program
 - The freedom to create derivative programs
- Many open-source licenses exist, each with different particulars

Supplemental Media



[Fedora developer Jeremy Katz on the advantages of open source](#)



Linux Origins

- 1984: The GNU Project and the Free Software Foundation
 - Creates open source version of UNIX utilities
 - Creates the General Public License (GPL)
 - Software license enforcing open source principles
- 1991: Linus Torvalds
 - Creates open source, UNIX-like kernel, released under the GPL
 - Ports some GNU utilities, solicits assistance online
- Today:
 - Linux kernel + GNU utilities = complete, open source, UNIX-like operating system
 - Packaged for targeted audiences as *distributions*

Supplemental Media



[Linus Torvalds on how to pronounce "Linux"](#)



Red Hat Distributions

- Linux *distributions* are OSes based on the Linux kernel
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux
 - Stable, thoroughly tested software
 - Professional support services
 - Centralized management tools for large networks
- The Fedora Project
 - More, newer applications
 - Community supported (no official Red Hat support)
 - For personal systems

Supplemental Media



[Fedora developer Jeremy Katz on the relationship between Red Hat Enterprise Linux and Fedora](#)



Linux principles

- Everything is a file (including hardware)
- Small, single-purpose programs
- Ability to chain programs together to perform complex tasks
- Avoid captive user interfaces
- Configuration data stored in text



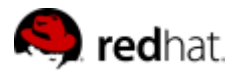
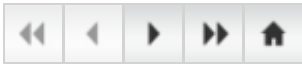
End of Lecture 1

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
 - Open source and the right to modify
 - The GNU Project and the Free Software Foundation
 - Linus Torvalds and the Linux kernel
 - Red Hat Enterprise Linux and the Fedora Project
 - Basic Linux Principles



Lecture 2

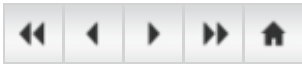
Linux Usage Basics



Objectives

Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Log into a Red Hat Enterprise Linux system
- Start X from a console
- Access the command line from X
- Change your password
- Understand the nature of root privileges
- Elevate your privileges
- Edit plain text files



Logging in to a Linux System

- Login using username and password
- Two types of login screens: text-based and graphical
 - Text-based login leaves you at a *shell prompt*
 - Graphical login starts a *desktop environment*
- Each user has a *home directory* for personal file storage
 - User-specific configuration data is often kept there as well



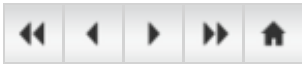
Switching between virtual consoles and the graphical environment

- A typical Linux system will run six virtual consoles and one graphical console
 - Server systems often have only virtual consoles
 - Desktops and workstations typically have both
- If graphical console is inactive, it may be started manually
 - The X server must be pre-configured by the system administrator
 - Log into a virtual console and run **startx**
- Switch among virtual consoles by typing: **Ctrl-Alt-F[1-6]**
- Access the graphical console by typing **Ctrl-Alt-F7**



gnome-terminal

- Applications->Accessories->Terminal
- Graphical terminal emulator that supports multiple "tabbed" shells
 - **Ctrl-Shift-t** creates a new tab
 - **Ctrl-PgUp/PgDn** switches to next/prev tab
 - **Ctrl-Shift-c** copies selected text
 - **Ctrl-Shift-v** pastes text to the prompt
 - **Shift-PgUp/PgDn** scrolls up and down a screen at a time



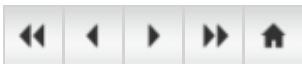
Changing Your Password

- Passwords control access to the system
- General guidelines for best security:
 - Change the password the first time you log in
 - Change it regularly thereafter
 - Select a password that is hard to guess
- To change your password:
 - GUI: System->Preferences->About Me and then click Change Password
 - CLI: **passwd**



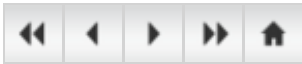
The *root* user

- The *root* user: a special administrative account
 - Also called the *superuser*
 - `root` has near complete control over the system
 - ...and a nearly unlimited capacity to damage it!
- Do not login as `root` unless necessary
 - Normal (*unprivileged*) users' potential to do damage is more limited



Changing Identities

- **su** - creates new shell as root
- **sudo *command*** runs *command* as root
 - Requires prior configuration by a system-administrator
- **id** shows information on the current user



Command Line Shortcuts

The Tab Key

- Type **Tab** to complete command lines:
 - For the command name, it will complete a command name
 - For an argument, it will complete a file name
- Examples:

```
$ xte<Tab>  
$ xterm  
$ ls myf<Tab>  
$ ls myfile.txt
```

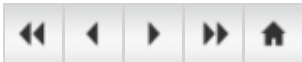


Command Line Shortcuts

History

- **bash** stores a history of commands executed
- **history** lists all commands
- **history *N*** lists the last *N* commands

```
$ history 5
14 cd /tmp
15 ls -l
16 cd
17 cp /etc/passwd .
18 vi passwd
```



More History Tricks

- Use the **up** and **down** keys to scroll through previous commands
- Type **Ctrl-r** to search for a command in command history.
 - *(reverse-i-search) ` `*:
- To recall last argument from previous command:
 - **Esc,.** (the escape key followed by a period)
 - **Alt-.** (hold down the alt key while pressing the period)
 - Can be pressed multiple times
 - **!\$** (only valid for the last command)



Editing text files

- The **nano** editor
 - Easy to learn, easy to use
 - Not as feature-packed as some advanced editors
- Other editors:
 - **gedit**, a simple graphical editor
 - **vim**, an advanced, full feature editor
 - **gvim**, a graphical version of the vim editor



End of Lecture 2

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
 - Login name and password
 - **startx**
 - **gnome-terminal**
 - **passwd**
 - **su**
 - **nano**



Lecture 3

Running Commands and Getting Help



Objectives

Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Execute commands at the prompt
- Explain the purpose and usage of some simple commands
- Use the built-in help resources in Red Hat Enterprise Linux



Running Commands

- Commands have the following syntax:
 - **command** *options arguments*
- Each item is separated by a space
- Options modify a command's behavior
 - Single-letter options usually preceded by -
 - Can be passed as **-a -b -c** or **-abc**
 - Full-word options usually preceded by --
 - Example: **--help**
- Arguments are file names or other data needed by the command
- Multiple commands can be separated by ;



Some Simple Commands

- **date** - display date and time
- **cal** - display calendar



Getting Help

- Do not try to memorize everything!
- Many levels of help
 - **whatis**
 - *command* --help
 - **man** and **info**
 - /usr/share/doc/
 - Red Hat documentation



The whatis Command

- Displays short descriptions of commands
- Uses a database that is updated nightly
- Often not available immediately after install

```
$ whatis cal  
cal      (1)  - displays a calendar
```



The --help Option

- Displays usage summary and argument list
- Used by most, but not all, commands

```
$ date --help
```

```
Usage: date [OPTION]... [+FORMAT] or:  
date [-u|--utc|--universal] [MMDDhhmm[[CC]YY][.ss]]  
Display the current time in the given FORMAT,  
or set the system date.  
...argument list omitted...
```



Reading Usage Summaries

- Printed by **--help**, **man** and others
- Used to describe the syntax of a command
 - Arguments in [] are optional
 - Arguments in CAPS or <> are variables
 - Text followed by . . . represents a list
 - x|y|z means "x or y or z"
 - -abc means "any mix of -a, -b or -c"



The man Command

- Provides documentation for commands
- Almost every command has a man "page"
- Pages are grouped into "chapters"
- Collectively referred to as the Linux Manual
- **man [<chapter>] <command>**



Navigating man Pages

- While viewing a man page
 - Navigate with arrows, **PgUp**, **PgDn**
 - **/text** searches for text
 - **n/N** goes to next/previous match
 - **q** quits
- Searching the Manual
 - **man -k keyword** lists all matching pages
 - Uses **whatis** database



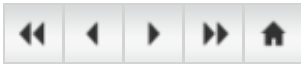
The info Command

- Similar to **man**, but often more in-depth
- Run **info** without args to list all page
- **info** pages are structured like a web site
 - Each page is divided into "nodes"
 - Links to nodes are preceded by *
 - **info [command]**



Navigating info Pages

- While viewing an **info** page
 - Navigate with arrows, **PgUp**, **PgDn**
 - **Tab** moves to next link
 - **Enter** follows the selected link
 - **n/p /u/l** goes to the next/previous/up-one/last node
 - **s text** searches for text (default: last search)
 - **q** quits **info**



Extended Documentation

- The `/usr/share/doc` directory
 - Subdirectories for most installed packages
 - Location of docs that do not fit elsewhere
 - Example configuration files
 - HTML/PDF/PS documentation
 - License details



Red Hat Documentation

- Available at <http://www.redhat.com/docs/>
 - Installation Guide
 - Deployment Guide
 - Virtualization Guide
- Knowledge base: <http://kbase.redhat.com/>
 - Common questions and their solutions
- Deployment Guide
 - System->Documentation->Deployment Guide
 - **yelp ghelp:Deployment_Guide**



End of Lecture 3

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
 - Running Commands
 - Getting Help



Lecture 4

Browsing the Filesystem



Objectives

Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Describe important elements of the filesystem hierarchy
- Copy, move, and remove files
- Create and view files
- Manage files with Nautilus



Linux File Hierarchy Concepts

- Files and directories are organized into a single-rooted inverted tree structure
- Filesystem begins at the *root* directory, represented by / (forward slash).
- Names are case-sensitive
- Paths are delimited by /



Some Important Directories

- Home Directories: `/root, /home/username`
- User Executable: `/bin, /usr/bin, /usr/local/bin`
- System Executables: `/sbin, /usr/sbin, /usr/local/sbin`
- Other Mountpoints: `/media, /mnt`
- Configuration: `/etc`
- Temporary Files: `/tmp`
- Kernels and Bootloader: `/boot`
- Server Data: `/var, /srv`
- System Information: `/proc, /sys`
- Shared Libraries: `/lib, /usr/lib, /usr/local/lib`



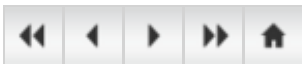
File and Directory Names

- Names may be up to 255 characters
- All characters are valid, except the forward-slash
 - It may be unwise to use certain special characters in file or directory names
 - Some characters should be protected with quotes when referencing them
- Names are case-sensitive
 - Example: MAIL, Mail, mail, and mAiL
 - Again, possible, but may not be wise



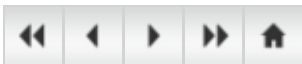
Using Nautilus

- Gnome graphical filesystem browser
- Can run in *spatial* or *browser* mode
- Accessed via...
 - Desktop icons
 - Home: Your home directory
 - Computer: Root filesystem, network resources and removable media
 - Applications->System Tools->File Browser



Moving and Copying in Nautilus

- Drag-and-Drop
 - Drag: Move on same filesystem, copy on different filesystem
 - Drag + **Ctrl**: Always copy
 - Drag + **Alt**: Ask whether to copy, move or create symbolic link (alias)
- Context menu
 - Right-click to rename, cut, copy or paste



File Management from the Command-Line

- Shells typically start in the home directory
- Change directory with **cd**
- List directory contents with **ls**
- Manage files with **cp**, **mv** and **rm**



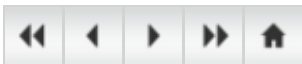
Determining your Current Directory

- Each shell and system process has a *current working directory*(*cwd*)
- **pwd**
 - Displays the absolute path to the shell's *cwd*



Absolute and Relative Pathnames

- Used when referring to files on the command-line
- Absolute pathnames
 - Begin with a forward slash
 - Complete "road map" to file location
 - Can be used anytime you wish to specify a file name
- Relative pathnames
 - Do not begin with a slash
 - Specify location relative to your current working directory
 - Can be used as a shorter way to specify a file name



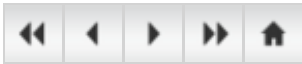
Changing Directories

- **cd** changes directories
 - To an absolute or relative path:
 - **cd** /home/joshua/work
 - **cd** project/docs
 - To a directory one level up:
 - **cd** ..
 - To your home directory:
 - **cd**
 - To your previous working directory:
 - **cd** -



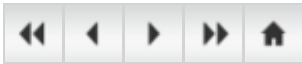
Listing Directory Contents

- Lists the contents of the current directory or a specified directory
- Usage:
 - **ls** [**options**] [*files_or_dirs*]
- Example:
 - **ls -a** (include hidden files)
 - **ls -l** (display extra information)
 - **ls -R** (recurse through directories)
 - **ls -ld** (directory and symlink information)



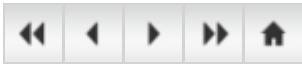
Copying Files and Directories

- **cp** - copy files and directories
- Usage:
 - **cp [options] *file destination***
- More than one file may be copied at a time if the destination is a directory:
 - **cp [options] *file1 file2 destdir***



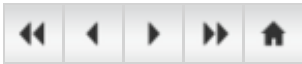
Copying Files and Directories: The Destination

- If the destination is a directory, the copy is placed there
- If the destination is a file, the copy overwrites the destination
- If the destination does not exist, the copy is renamed



Moving and Renaming Files and Directories

- **mv** - move and/or rename files and directories
- Usage:
 - **mv [options] *file destination***
- More than one file may be moved at a time if the destination is a directory:
 - **mv [options] *file1 file2 destdir***
- Destination works like **cp**



Creating and Removing Files

- **touch** - create empty files or update file timestamps
- **rm** - remove files
- Usage:
 - **rm [options] <file>...**
- Example:
 - **rm -i file** (interactive)
 - **rm -r directory** (recursive)
 - **rm -f file** (force)



Creating and Removing Directories

- **mkdir** creates directories
- **rmdir** removes empty directories
- **rm -r** recursively removes directory trees



Determining File Content

- Files can contain many types of data
- Check file type with file before opening to determine appropriate command or application to use
- **file [options] <filename>...**



End of Lecture 4

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
 - Files can be managed graphically using **nautilus**
 - Essential command-line file management tools include
 - **cd** to change directories
 - **ls** to list directory contents
 - **cp** to copy files
 - **mv** to move or rename files
 - **rm** to remove files
 - **rm -rf** to remove directories



Lecture 5

Users, Groups and Permissions



Objectives

Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Explain the Linux security model
- Explain the purpose of user and group accounts
- Read and set file permissions



Users

- Every user is assigned a unique User ID number (*UID*)
 - UID 0 identifies root
 - User accounts normally start at UID 500
- Users' names and UIDs are stored in `/etc/passwd`
- Users are assigned a home directory and a program that is run when they log in (usually a shell)
- Users cannot read, write or execute each others' files without permission



Groups

- Users are assigned to groups
- Each group is assigned a unique Group ID number (*gid*)
- GIDs are stored in `/etc/group`
- Each user is given their own private group
 - Can be added to other groups for additional access
- All users in a group can share files that belong to the group



Linux File Security

- Every file is owned by a UID and a GID
- Every process runs as a UID and one or more GIDs
 - Usually determined by who runs the process
- Three access categories:
 - Processes running with the same UID as the file (*user*)
 - Processes running with the same GID as the file (*group*)
 - All other processes (*other*)



Permission Precedence

- If UID matches, *user* permissions apply
- Otherwise, if GID matches, *group* permissions apply
- If neither match, *other* permissions apply

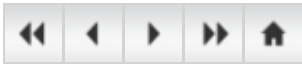


Viewing Permissions from the Command-Line

- File permissions may be viewed using **ls -l**

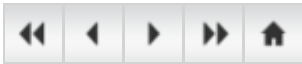
```
$ ls -l /bin/login  
-rwxr-xr-x 1 root root 19080 Apr 1 18:26 /bin/login
```

- Four symbols are used when displaying permissions:
 - **r**: permission to read a file or list a directory's contents
 - **w**: permission to write to a file or create and remove files from a directory
 - **x**: permission to execute a program or change into a directory and do a long listing of the directory
 - **-**: no permission (in place of the **r**, **w**, or **x**)



Changing File Ownership

- Only root can change a file's owner
- Only root or the owner can change a file's group
- Ownership is changed with **chown**:
 - **chown [-R] user_name file|directory ...**
- Group-Ownership is changed with **chgrp**:
 - **chgrp [-R] group_name file|directory ...**



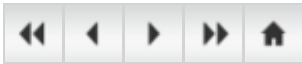
Changing Permissions - Symbolic Method

- To change access modes:
 - **chmod** [-*OPTION*]... *mode*[,*mode*] *file|directory* ...
- *mode* includes:
 - **u**, **g** or **o** for user, group and other
 - **+** **-** or **=** for grant, deny or set
 - **r**, **w** or **x** for read, write and execute
- Options include:
 - **-R** Recursive
 - **-v** Verbose
 - **--reference** Reference another file for its mode
- Examples:
 - **chmod ugo+r file**: Grant read access to all for *file*
 - **chmod o-wx dir**: Deny write and execute to others for *dir*
 - **chmod --reference file1 file2**: Get the mode from *file1* and place it on *file2*



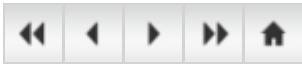
Changing Permissions - Numeric Method

- Uses a three-digit mode number
 - first digit specifies owner's permissions
 - second digit specifies group permissions
 - third digit represents others' permissions
- Permissions are calculated by adding:
 - 4 (for read)
 - 2 (for write)
 - 1 (for execute)
- Example:
 - **chmod 640 myfile**



Changing Permissions - Nautilus

- Nautilus can be used to set the permissions and group membership of files and directories.
 - In a Nautilus window, right-click on a file
 - Select Properties from the context menu
 - Select the Permissions tab



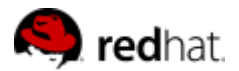
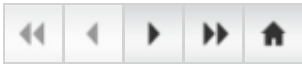
End of Lecture 5

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
 - All files are owned by one user and one group
 - The mode of a file is made up of three permissions: those of the user, the group and all others
 - Three permissions may be granted or denied: read, write and execute



Lecture 6

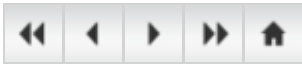
Using the bash Shell



Objectives

Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Use command-line shortcuts
- Use command-line expansion
- Use history and editing tricks
- Use the **gnome-terminal**
- Write simple shell scripts
- Set and reference shell variables



Command Line Shortcuts

File Globbing

- *Globbing* is wild card expansion:
 - * - matches zero or more characters
 - ? - matches any single character
 - [0-9] - matches a range of numbers
 - [abc] - matches any one of the characters in the list
 - [^abc] - matches any one character except those in the list
 - [:alpha:] - characters in a predefined character class can be matched
- **glob(7)**



Command Editing Tricks

- **Ctrl-a** moves to beginning of line
- **Ctrl-e** moves to end of line
- **Ctrl-u** deletes to beginning of line
- **Ctrl-k** deletes to end of line
- **Ctrl-*arrow*** moves left or right by word



Command Line Expansion

The tilde

- Tilde (~)
- May refer to your home directory

```
$ cat ~/.bash_profile
```

- May refer to another user's home directory

```
$ ls ~julie/public_html
```



Command Line Expansion

Commands and Braced Sets

- Command Expansion: `$()` or `` ``
 - Prints output of one command as an argument to another

```
$ echo "This system's name is $(hostname)"  
This system's name is server100.example.com
```

- Brace Expansion: `{ }`
 - Shorthand for printing repetitive strings

```
$ echo file{1,3,5}  
file1 file3 file5  
$ rm -f file{1,3,5}
```



Bash Variables

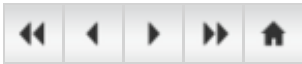
- Variables are named values
 - Useful for storing data or command output
- Set with ***VARIABLE=VALUE***
- Referenced with ***\${VARIABLE}***

```
$ HI="Hello, and welcome to $(hostname)."
$ echo ${HI}
Hello, and welcome to stationX.
```



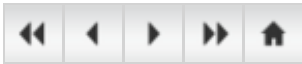
Environment Variables

- Bash variables are *local* to a single shell by default
 - Set with ***VARIABLE=VALUE***
- *Environment variables* are inherited by child shells
 - Set with ***export VARIABLE=VALUE***
 - Accessed by some programs for configuration



Some Common Variables

- Configuration variables
 - PS1: Appearance of the **bash** prompt
 - HISTFILESIZE: Number of commands in **bash** history
 - PATH: Directories to look for executables in
 - EDITOR: Default text editor
- Information variables
 - HOME: User's home directory
 - EUID: User's *effective UID*



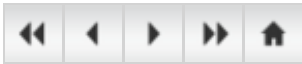
Aliases

- Aliases let you create shortcuts to commands

```
$ alias dir='ls -laF'
```

- Use **alias** by itself to see all set aliases
- Use **alias** followed by an alias name to see alias value

```
$ alias dir
alias dir='ls -laF'
```



How bash Expands a Command Line

1. Shell statements are expanded
 - variables, command-substitution, aliases, etc
 - globbing characters, only if they match
2. I/O re-direction is set up
3. Command is executed
 - Command sees the results of expansion, not the shell characters!

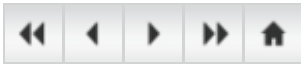


Preventing Expansion

- Backslash (\) makes the next character literal

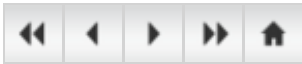
```
$ echo Your cost: \$5.00  
Your cost: $5.00
```

- Quoting prevents expansion
 - Single quotes (') inhibit all expansion
 - Double quotes (") inhibit all expansion, except:
 - \$ (dollar sign) - variable expansion
 - ` (backquotes) - command substitution
 - \ (backslash) - single character inhibition
 - ! (exclamation point) - history substitution



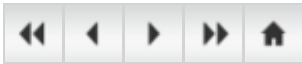
Scripting Basics

- Shell scripts are text files containing commands to be executed.
- Shell scripts are useful for:
 - Automating commonly used commands
 - Performing system administration and troubleshooting
 - Creating simple applications
 - Manipulation of text or files



Creating Shell Scripts

- Step 1: Create a text file containing commands
 - First line contains the magic *shebang* sequence: `#!`
 - `#!/bin/bash`
- Comment your scripts!
 - Comments start with a `#`



Creating Shell Scripts continued

- Step 2: Make the script executable:

```
$ chmod u+x myscript.sh
```

- To execute the new script:
 - Place the script file in a directory in the executable path, such as `~/bin` or `/usr/local/bin` -OR-
 - Specify the absolute or relative path to the script on the command line



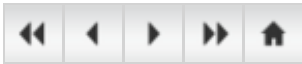
Sample Shell Script

```
#!/bin/bash
# This script displays some information about your environment
echo "Greetings. The date and time are $(date)"
echo "Your working directory is: $(pwd)"
```



Login vs non-login shells

- Startup is configured differently for login and non-login shells
- Login shells are:
 - Any shell created at login (includes X login)
 - su -
- Non-login shells are:
 - su
 - graphical terminals
 - executed scripts
 - any other bash instances



Bash startup scripts: profile

- Stored in `/etc/profile` (global) and `~/.bash_profile` (user)
- Run for login shells only
- Used for
 - Setting environment variables
 - Running commands (eg mail-checker script)



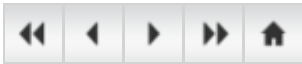
Bash startup scripts: bashrc

- Stored in `/etc/bashrc` (global) and `~/.bashrc` (user)
- Run for all bash shells
- Used for
 - Setting local variables
 - Defining aliases



Sourcing files

- Changes to profile and bashrc files need to be *sourced*
- Two methods:
 - `. scriptname`
 - `source scriptname`
- Shell scripts can source other files



Bash Exit Tasks

- Stored in `~/.bash_logout` (user)
- Run when a login shell exits
- Used for
 - Creating automatic backups
 - Cleaning out temporary files



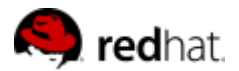
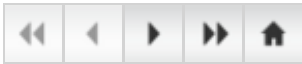
End of Lecture 6

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
 - Command expansion: `$()`
 - History recall: `!string, !num`
 - Shell scripting
 - Local variables (`VARNAME=VALUE`) only apply to the shell they are set in
 - Environment variables (`export VARNAME=VALUE`) are inherited by child shells
 - The value of a variable is referenced with `${VARNAME}`



Lecture 7

Standard I/O and Pipes



Objectives

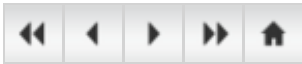
Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Redirect I/O channels to files
- Connect commands using pipes
- Use the **for** loops to iterate over sets of values



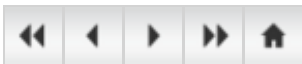
Standard Input and Output

- Linux provides three I/O channels to Programs
 - Standard input (STDIN) - keyboard by default
 - Standard output (STDOUT) - terminal window by default
 - Standard error (STDERR) - terminal window by default



Redirecting Output to a File

- STDOUT and STDERR can be redirected to files:
 - *command operator filename*
- Supported operators include:
 - > Redirect STDOUT to file
 - 2> Redirect STDERR to file
 - &> Redirect all output to file
- File contents are overwritten by default. >> appends.



Redirecting Output to a File Examples

- This command generates output and errors when run as non-root:

```
$ find /etc -name passwd
```

- Operators can be used to store output and errors:

```
$ find /etc -name passwd > find.out
```

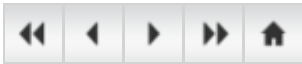
```
$ find /etc -name passwd 2> /dev/null
```

```
$ find /etc -name passwd > find.out 2> find.err
```



Redirecting STDOUT to a Program (Piping)

- Pipes (the | character) can connect commands:
command1 | *command2*
 - Sends STDOUT of *command1* to STDIN of *command2* instead of the screen.
 - STDERR is *not* forwarded across pipes
- Used to combine the functionality of multiple tools
 - *command1* | *command2* | *command3...* etc.



Useful Pipe Targets

- **less**: View input one page at a time:

```
$ ls -l /etc | less
```

- Input can be searched with /

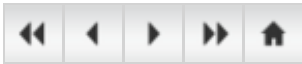
- **mail**: Send input via email:

```
$ echo "test email" | mail -s "test" user@example.com
```

- **lpr** : Send input to a printer:

```
$ echo "test print" | lpr
```

```
$ echo "test print" | lpr -P printer_name
```



Combining Output and Errors

- Some operators affect both STDOUT and STDERR

- `&>`: Redirects all output:

```
$ find /etc -name passwd &> find.all
```

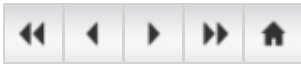
- `2>&1`: Redirects STDERR to STDOUT

- Useful for sending all output through a pipe

```
$ find /etc -name passwd 2>&1 | less
```

- `()`: Combines STDOUTs of multiple programs

```
$ ( cal 2007 ; cal 2008 ) | less
```



Redirecting to Multiple Targets (tee)

- `$ command1 | tee filename | command2`
- Stores STDOUT of *command1* in *filename*, then pipes to *command2*
- Uses:
 - Troubleshooting complex pipelines
 - Simultaneous viewing and logging of output



Redirecting STDIN from a File

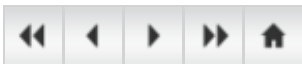
- Redirect standard input with `<`
- Some commands can accept data redirected to STDIN from a file:

```
$ tr 'A-Z' 'a-z' < .bash_profile
```

- This command will translate the uppercase characters in `.bash_profile` to lowercase

- Equivalent to:

```
$ cat .bash_profile | tr 'A-Z' 'a-z'
```



Sending Multiple Lines to STDIN

- Redirect multiple lines from keyboard to STDIN with `<<WORD`
 - All text until `WORD` is sent to STDIN
 - Sometimes called a *heretext*

```
$ mail -s "Please Call" jane@example.com <<END
> Hi Jane,
>
> Please give me a call when you get in. We may need
> to do some maintenance on the server.
>
> Details when you're on-site,
> Boris
> END
```



Scripting: for loops

- Performs actions on each member of a set of values
- Example:

```
for NAME in joe jane julie
do
    ADDRESS="$NAME@example.com"
    MESSAGE='Projects are due today!'
    echo $MESSAGE | mail -s Reminder $ADDRESS
done
```



Scripting: for loops continued

- Can also use command-output and file lists:
 - **for num in \$(seq 1 10)**
 - Assigns 1-10 to \$num
 - **seq X Y** prints the numbers X through Y
 - **for file in *.txt**
 - Assigns names of text files to \$file



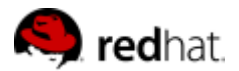
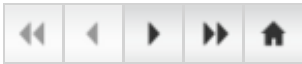
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- Questions and Answers
- Summary
 - Standard I/O channels
 - File redirection
 - Standard input (<)
 - Standard Output (>)
 - Standard Error (2>)
 - Pipes redirect standard output to standard input
 - **for** loops can perform commands on items from a program's standard output or an explicit list



Lecture 8

Text Processing Tools



Objectives

Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Use tools for extracting, analyzing and manipulating text data



Tools for Extracting Text

- File Contents: **less** and **cat**
- File Excerpts: **head** and **tail**
- Extract by Column or Field: **cut**
- Extract by Keyword: **grep**



Viewing File Contents

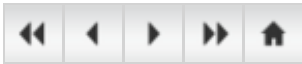
less and cat

- **cat**: dump one or more files to STDOUT
 - Multiple files are concatenated together
- **less**: view file or STDIN one page at a time
 - Useful commands while viewing:
 - `/text` searches for `text`
 - `n/N` jumps to the next/previous match
 - `v` opens the file in a text editor (**vi** by default)
 - **less** is the pager used by **man**



Viewing File Excerpts head and tail

- **head**: Display the first 10 lines of a file
 - Use **-n** to change number of lines displayed
- **tail**: Display the last 10 lines of a file
 - Use **-n** to change number of lines displayed
 - Use **-f** to "follow" subsequent additions to the file
 - Very useful for monitoring log files!



Extracting Text by Keyword

grep

- Prints lines of files or STDIN where a pattern is matched

```
$ grep 'john' /etc/passwd
```

```
$ date --help | grep year
```

- Use **-i** to search case-insensitively
- Use **-n** to print line numbers of matches
- Use **-v** to print lines *not* containing pattern
- Use **-Ax** to include the *x* lines after each match
- Use **-Bx** to include the *x* lines before each match
- Use **-r** to recursively search a directory
- Use **--color** to highlight the match in color



Extracting Text by Column or Field

cut

- Display specific columns of file or STDIN data

```
$ cut -d: -f1 /etc/passwd
```

```
$ grep root /etc/passwd | cut -d: -f7
```

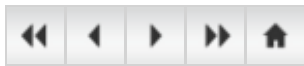
- Use **-d** to specify the column delimiter (default is TAB)
- Use **-f** to specify the column to print
- Use **-c** to cut by characters

```
$ cut -c2-5 /usr/share/dict/words
```



Tools for Analyzing Text

- Text Stats: **wc**
- Sorting Text: **sort**
- Comparing Files: **diff**
- Spell Check: **aspell**



Gathering Text Statistics

wc (word count)

- Counts words, lines, bytes and characters
- Can act upon a file or STDIN

```
$ wc story.txt
 39      237      1901 story.txt
```

- Use **-l** for only line count
- Use **-w** for only word count
- Use **-c** for only byte count
- Use **-m** for character count (not displayed)



Sorting Text

sort

- Sorts text to STDOUT - original file unchanged

```
$ sort [options] file(s)
```

- Common options
 - **-r** performs a reverse (descending) sort
 - **-n** performs a numeric sort
 - **-f** ignores (folds) case of characters in strings
 - **-u** (unique) removes duplicate lines in output
 - **-t *c*** uses *c* as a field separator
 - **-k *x*** sorts by *c*-delimited field *x*
 - Can be used multiple times



Eliminating Duplicate Lines

sort and uniq

- **sort -u**: removes duplicate lines from input
- **uniq**: removes duplicate *adjacent* lines from input
 - Use **-c** to count number of occurrences
 - Use with **sort** for best effect:

```
$ sort userlist.txt | uniq -c
```



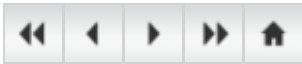
Comparing Files

diff

- Compares two files for differences

```
$ diff foo.conf-broken foo.conf-works
5c5
< use_widgets = no
---
> use_widgets = yes
```

- Denotes a difference (change) on line 5
- Use **gvimdiff** for graphical **diff**
 - Provided by vim-X11 package



Spell Checking with aspell

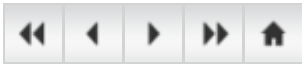
- Interactively spell-check files:

```
$ aspell check letter.txt
```

- Non-interactively list and count mis-spelled words in STDIN

```
$ aspell list < letter.txt
```

```
$ aspell list < letter.txt | sort -u | wc -l
```



Tools for Manipulating Text

tr and sed

- Alter (**t**ranslate) Characters: **tr**
 - Converts characters in one set to corresponding characters in another set
 - Only reads data from STDIN

```
$ tr 'a-z' 'A-Z' < lowercase.txt
```

- Alter Strings: **sed**
 - **s**tream **e**ditor
 - Performs search/replace operations on a stream of text
 - Normally does not alter source file
 - Use **-i.bak** to back-up and alter source file



sed

Examples

- Quote search and replace instructions!
- **sed** addresses
 - `sed 's/dog/cat/g' pets`
 - `sed '1,50s/dog/cat/g' pets`
 - `sed '/digby/,/duncan/s/dog/cat/g' pets`
- Multiple **sed** instructions
 - `sed -e 's/dog/cat/' -e 's/hi/lo/' pets`
 - `sed -f myedits pets`



Special Characters for Complex Searches

Regular Expressions

- `^` represents beginning of line
- `$` represents end of line
- Character classes as in **bash**:
 - `[abc]`, `[^abc]`
 - `[[:upper:]]`, `[^[[:upper:]]]`
- Used by:
 - **grep**, **sed**, **less**, others



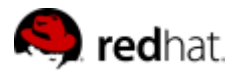
End of Lecture 8

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
 - Extracting Text
 - **cat, less, head, tail, grep, cut**
 - Analyzing Text
 - **wc, sort, uniq, diff,**
 - Manipulating Text
 - **tr, sed**
 - Special Search Characters
 - **^, \$, [abc], [^abc], [[:alpha:]], [^[[:alpha:]]], etc.**



Lecture 9

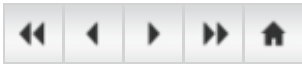
vim: An Advanced Text Editor



Objectives

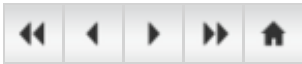
Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Use the three primary modes of **vi** and **vim**
- Navigate text and enter Insert mode
- Change, delete, yank, and put text
- Undo changes
- Search a document
- Save and exit



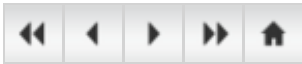
Introducing vim

- Newer version of **vi**, the standard Unix text editor
 - Executing **vi** runs **vim** by default
- **gvim**: Graphical version of **vim**
 - Applications + Programming -> Vi IMproved
 - Provided by vim-X11 package
- Advantages:
 - Speed: Do more with fewer keystrokes
 - Simplicity: No dependence on mouse/GUI
 - Availability: Included with most Unix-like OSes
- Disadvantages
 - Difficulty: Steeper learning curve than simpler editors
 - Key bindings emphasize speed over intuitiveness



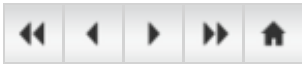
vim: A Modal Editor

- Keystroke behavior is dependent upon **vim's** "mode"
- Three main modes:
 - Command Mode (default): Move cursor, cut/paste text, change mode
 - Insert Mode: Modify text
 - Ex Mode: Save, quit, etc.
- **Esc** exits current mode
- **EscEsc** always returns to command mode



vim Basics

- To use **vim**, you must learn to:
 - Open a file
 - Modify a file (insert mode)
 - Save a file (ex mode)



Opening a file in vim

- To start **vim**:
 - **vim filename**
 - If the file exists, the file is opened and the contents are displayed
 - If the file does not exist, **vi** creates it when the edits are saved for the first time



Modifying a File

Insert Mode

- **i** begins insert mode at the cursor
- Many other options exist
 - **A** append to end of line
 - **I** insert at beginning of line
 - **o** insert new a line (below)
 - **O** insert new line (above)



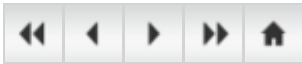
Saving a File and Exiting vim Ex Mode

- Enter Ex Mode with `:`
 - Creates a command prompt at bottom-left of screen
- Common write/quit commands:
 - `:w` writes (saves) the file to disk
 - `:wq` writes and quits
 - `:q!` quits, even if changes are lost



Using Command Mode

- Default mode of **vim**
- Keys describe movement and text manipulation commands
- Commands repeat when preceded by a number
- Example
 - **Right Arrow** moves right one character
 - **5, Right Arrow** moves right five characters



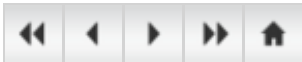
Moving Around Command Mode

- Move by character: Arrow Keys, **h**, **j**, **k**, **l**
 - Non-arrow keys useful for remote connections to older systems
- Move by word: **w**, **b**
- Move by sentence: **)**, **(**
- Move by paragraph: **}**, **{**
- Jump to line *x*: **xG** or **:x**
- Jump to end: **G**



Search and Replace Command Mode and EX mode

- Search as in **less**
 - /, n, N
- Search/Replace as in **sed**
 - Affects current line by default
 - Use **x,y** ranges or % for every line
 - :1,5s/cat/dog/
 - :%s/cat/dog/gi



Manipulating Text

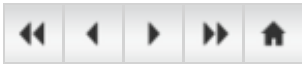
Command Mode

	Change (replace)	Delete (cut)	Yank (copy)
Line	<code>cc</code>	<code>dd</code>	<code>yy</code>
Letter	<code>c1</code>	<code>d1</code>	<code>y1</code>
Word	<code>cw</code>	<code>dw</code>	<code>yw</code>
Sentence ahead	<code>c)</code>	<code>d)</code>	<code>y)</code>
Sentence behind	<code>c(</code>	<code>d(</code>	<code>y(</code>
Paragraph above	<code>c{</code>	<code>d{</code>	<code>y{</code>
Paragraph below	<code>c}</code>	<code>d}</code>	<code>y}</code>



Put (paste)

- Use **p** or **P** to put (paste) copied or deleted data
- For line oriented data:
 - **p** puts the data below the current line
 - **P** puts the data above the current line
- For character oriented data:
 - **p** puts the data after the cursor
 - **P** puts the data before the cursor



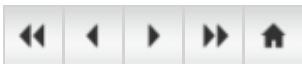
Undoing Changes Command Mode

- **u** undo most recent change
- **U** undo all changes to the current line since the cursor landed on the line
- **Ctrl-r** redo last "undone" change



Visual Mode

- Allows selection of blocks of text
 - `v` starts character-oriented highlighting
 - `V` starts line-oriented highlighting
 - Activated with mouse in **gvim**
- Visual keys can be used in conjunction with movement keys:
 - `w`, `)`, `}`, arrows, etc.
- Highlighted text can be deleted, yanked, changed, filtered, search/replaced, etc.



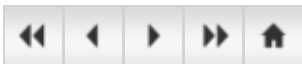
Using multiple "windows"

- Multiple documents can be viewed in a single **vim** screen
 - **Ctrl-w, s** splits the screen horizontally
 - **Ctrl-w, v** splits the screen vertically
 - **Ctrl-w, Arrow** moves between windows
- Ex-mode instructions always affect the current window
- **:help windows** displays more window commands



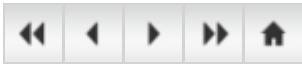
Configuring vi and vim

- Configuring on the fly
 - `:set` or `:set all`
- Configuring permanently
 - `~/.vimrc` or `~/.exrc` (do not include the colon [:] in these files)
- A few common configuration items
 - `:set number`
 - `:set autoindent`
 - `:set textwidth=65` (vim only)
 - `:set wrapmargin=15`
 - `:set ignorecase`
- Run `:help option-list` for a complete list



Learning more

- **vi/vim** built-in help
 - `:help`
 - `:help topic`
 - Use `:q` to exit help
- **vimtutor** command



End of Lecture 9

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
 - Use the three primary modes of **vi** and **vim**
 - Move the cursor and enter Insert mode
 - Change, delete, yank, and put text
 - Undo changes
 - Search a document
 - Save and exit



Lecture 10

Investigating and Managing Processes



Objectives

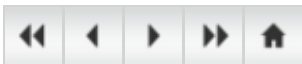
Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Explain what a process is
- Describe how to manage processes
- Use job control tools
- Schedule recurring jobs
- Employ decision making constructs in shell scripts



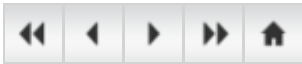
What is a Process?

- A process is a set of instructions loaded into memory
 - Numeric *Process ID* (PID) used for identification
 - UID, GID and SELinux context determines filesystem access
 - Normally inherited from the executing user



Listing Processes

- View Process information with **ps**
 - Shows processes by the current user on the current terminal by default
 - **-e** shows all processes
 - **-u *user*** shows all processes by *user*
 - **-F** prints extra information
 - **-H** indents child processes
 - **-o *PROPERTY1,PROPERTY2,...*** prints custom information:
 - *pid, comm, %cpu, %mem, state, tty, euser, ruser*, etc.
- Example:
 - `ps -eo pid,%cpu,comm`



Finding Processes

- Most flexible: **ps options | other commands**

```
ps -eo comm, tty | grep ttys0
```

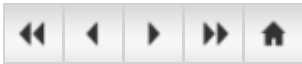
- By predefined patterns: **pgrep**

```
$ pgrep -U root
```

```
$ pgrep -G student
```

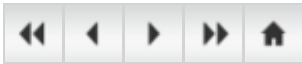
- By exact program name: **/sbin/pidof**

```
$ ps -p $(/sbin/pidof bash)
```



Signals

- Sent directly to processes, no user-interface required
- Programs associate actions with each signal
- Signals are specified by name or number when sent:
 - Signal 15, TERM (default) - Terminate cleanly
 - Signal 9, KILL - Terminate immediately
 - Signal 1, HUP - Re-read configuration files
 - **man 7 signal** shows complete list



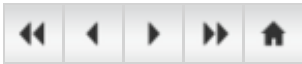
Sending Signals to Processes

- By PID: **kill** [-*signal*] *pid* ...
- By Name: **killall** [-*signal*] *comm* ...
- By pattern: **pkill** [-*signal*] *pattern*



Scheduling Priority

- Scheduling priority determines access to the CPU
- Priority is affected by a process' *nice value*
- Values range from -20 to 19 but default to 0
 - Lower nice value means higher CPU priority
- Viewed with **ps -o comm,nice**

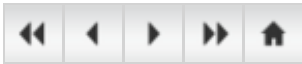


Altering Scheduling Priority

- Nice values may be altered...
 - When starting a process:

```
$ nice -n 5 command
```
 - After starting:

```
$ renice 5 PID
```
- Only root may decrease nice values



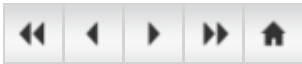
Interactive Process Management Tools

- CLI: **top**
- GUI: **gnome-system-monitor**
- Capabilities
 - Display real-time process information
 - Allow sorting, killing and re-nicing



Job Control

- Run a process in the background
 - Append an ampersand to the command line: **firefox &**
- Temporarily halt a running program
 - Use **Ctrl-z** or send signal 19 (STOP)
- Manage background or suspended jobs
 - List job numbers and names: **jobs**
 - Resume in the background: **bg [%jobnum]**
 - Resume in the foreground: **fg [%jobnum]**
 - Send a signal: **kill [-SIGNAL] [%jobnum]**



Exit Status

- Processes report success or failure with an exit status
 - 0 for success, 1-255 for failure
 - **\$?** stores the exit status of the most recent command
 - **exit [num]** terminates and sets status to *num*
- Example:

```
$ ping -c1 -W1 station999 &> /dev/null
$ echo $?
2
```

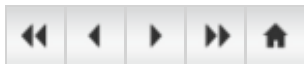


Conditional Execution Operators

- Commands can be run conditionally based on exit status
 - **&&** represents conditional AND THEN
 - **||** represents conditional OR ELSE
- Examples:

```
$ grep -q no_such_user /etc/passwd || echo 'No such user'
No such user
```

```
$ ping -c1 -W2 station1 &> /dev/null \
>      && echo "station1 is up" \
>      || { echo 'station1 is unreachable'; exit 1; }
station1 is up
```



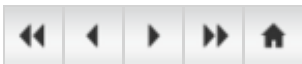
The test Command

- Evaluates boolean statements for use in conditional execution
 - Returns 0 for true
 - Returns 1 for false
- Examples in long form:

```
$ test "$A" = "$B" && echo "Strings are equal"  
$ test "$A" -eq "$B" && echo "Integers are equal"
```

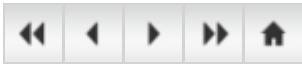
- Examples in shorthand notation:

```
$ [ "$A" = "$B" ] && echo "Strings are equal"  
$ [ "$A" -eq "$B" ] && echo "Integers are equal"
```



File Tests

- File tests:
 - **-f** tests to see if a file exists and is a regular file
 - **-d** tests to see if a file exists and is a directory
 - **-x** tests to see if a file exists and is executable
- ```
[-f ~/lib/functions] && source
~/lib/functions
```





## Scripting: if Statements

- Execute instructions based on the exit status of a command

```
if ping -c1 -w2 station1 &> /dev/null; then
 echo 'Station1 is UP'
elif grep "station1" ~/maintenance.txt &> /dev/null; then
 echo 'Station1 is undergoing maintenance'
else
 echo 'Station1 is unexpectedly DOWN!'
 exit 1
fi
```



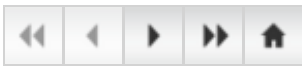
## End of Lecture 10

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
  - A process is any set of instructions in memory
  - Processes are managed with: **ps**, **kill**, **top**, **gnome-system-monitor**
  - Suspend jobs with **Ctrl-z**, manage with **fg**, **bg**
  - Every process returns a numeric *exit status* upon exit
  - **test** returns 0 or 1 depending on parameters
  - **if/else**, **&&** and **||** can execute commands based on predecessors' exit status



# Lecture 11

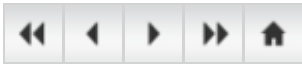
## Basic System Configuration Tools



# Objectives

Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Configure the network
- Configure and send text to a printer
- Set the system's date and time
- Schedule time-delayed tasks
- Schedule recurring tasks
- Know how to handle input with the **read** command and positional parameters



# TCP/IP Network Configuration

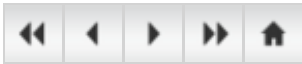
- Important network settings:

- IP Configuration
- Device Activation
- DNS Configuration
- Default Gateway



## Managing Ethernet Connections

- Network interfaces are named sequentially: `eth0`, `eth1`, etc.
  - Multiple addresses can be assigned to a device with *aliases*
  - Aliases are labeled `eth0:1`, `eth0:2`, etc.
  - Aliases are treated like separate interfaces
- View interface configuration with **`/sbin/ip addr show [ethx]`**
- Enable interface with **`/sbin/ifup ethx`**
- Disable interface with **`/sbin/ifdown ethx`**



# Graphical Network Configuration

## system-config-network

- System - > Administration - > Network
  - Activate/Deactivate interfaces
  - Assign IP Addresses/DHCP
  - Modify DNS settings
  - Modify gateway address



# Network Configuration Files

## Ethernet Devices

- Device configuration is stored in text files
  - `/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/ifcfg-ethX`
  - Complete list of options in `/usr/share/doc/initscripts-*/sysconfig.txt`

| Dynamic Configuration                                                                  | Static Configuration                                                                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <pre>DEVICE=ethX HWADDR=0:02:8A:A6:30:45 BOOTPROTO=dhcp ONBOOT=yes Type=Ethernet</pre> | <pre>DEVICE=ethX HWADDR=0:02:8A:A6:30:45 IPADDR=192.168.0.123 NETMASK=255.255.255.0 GATEWAY=192.168.0.254 ONBOOT=yes Type=Ethernet</pre> |





# Network Configuration Files

## Other Global Network Settings

- Global Settings in `/etc/sysconfig/network`
  - Many may be provided by DHCP
  - GATEWAY can be overridden in `ifcfg` file

```
NETWORKING=yes
HOSTNAME=server100.example.com
GATEWAY=192.168.0.254
```



# Network Configuration Files

## DNS Configuration

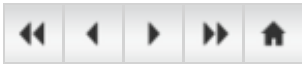
- Domain Name Service translates hostnames to network addresses
- Server address is specified by dhcp or in `/etc/resolv.conf`

```
search example.com remote.test
nameserver 192.168.0.254
nameserver 192.168.1.254
```



## Printing in Linux

- Printers may be local or networked
- Print requests are sent to queues
- Queued jobs are sent to the printer on a first come first served basis
- Jobs may be canceled before or during printing



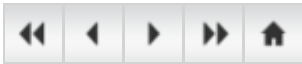
## system-config-printer

- System- > Administration- > Printing
- Supported printer connections:
  - Local (parallel, serial or usb)
  - Unix/Linux print server
  - Windows print server
  - Netware print server
  - HP JetDirect
- Configuration stored in `/etc/cups/printers.conf`



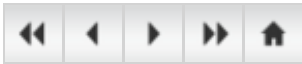
## Printing Commands

- **lpr** sends a job to the queue to be printed
  - Accepts ASCII, PostScript, PDF, others
- **lpq** views the contents of the queue
- **lprm** removes a job from the queue
- System V printing commands such as **lp**, **lpstat** and **cancel** are also supported



## Printing Utilities

- **evince** views PDF and PostScript documents
- **lpstat -a** lists configured printers
- **enscript** and **a2ps** convert text to PostScript
- **ps2pdf** converts PostScript to PDF
- **mpage** prints multiple pages per sheet



## Setting the System's Date and Time

- GUI: **system-config-date**
  - System->Administration->Date & Time
  - Can set date/time manually or use NTP
  - Additional NTP servers can be added
  - Can use local time or UTC
- CLI: **date [MMDDhhmm[[CC]YY][.ss]]**
  - # `date 01011330`
  - # `date 010113302007.05`



## Scheduling Commands To Execute Later

- One-time jobs use **at**, recurring jobs use **crontab**

|         |                            |                   |
|---------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Create  | <b>at</b> <i>time</i>      | <b>crontab -e</b> |
| List    | <b>at -l</b>               | <b>crontab -l</b> |
| Details | <b>at -c</b> <i>jobnum</i> | N/A               |
| Remove  | <b>at -d</b> <i>jobnum</i> | <b>crontab -r</b> |
| Edit    | N/A                        | <b>crontab -e</b> |

- Non-redirectioned output is mailed to the user
- *root* can modify jobs for other users





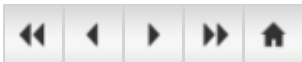
## Crontab File Format

- Entry consists of five space-delimited fields followed by a command line
  - One entry per line, no limit to line length
- Fields are minute, hour, day of month, month, and day of week
- Comment lines begin with #
- See **man 5 crontab** for details



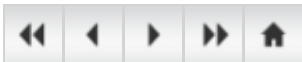
## Scripting: Taking input with positional Parameters

- Special variables that hold the command-line arguments to the script
  - Position-related names: \$1, \$2, \$3, etc.
  - Arguments are space-delimited
  - Words can be grouped into a single argument with quotes
- Normally assigned to more meaningful variable names to improve clarity
- \$\* holds all command-line arguments
- \$# holds the number of command-line arguments



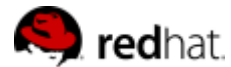
## Scripting: Taking input with the read command

- Use **read** to assign input values to one or more shell variables:
  - **-p** designates prompt to display
  - **read** reads from standard input and assigns one word to each variable
  - Any leftover words are assigned to the last variable
  - **read -p "Enter a filename: " FILE**



## End of Lecture 11

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
  - **system-config-network** configures `/etc/sysconfig/network-scripts/*`
  - **ifup, ifdown**
  - **lpr** sends text to the printer
  - **date** configures date/time from CLI
  - **system-config-date** configures date/time from GUI
  - Use **at** to schedule time-delayed tasks
  - Use **crontab -e** to schedule recurring tasks
  - Administrative tasks may be defined in `/etc/cron.d/cron.*`
  - **read VAR** sets variable from STDIN
  - **\$1, \$2**, etc. map to command-line arguments
  - **\$#** represents the number of arguments to a script



# Lecture 12

## Finding and Processing Files



# Objectives

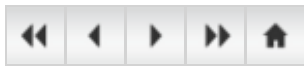
Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Use **locate**
- Use **find**
- Use **the Gnome Search tool**



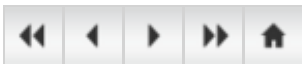
# The Gnome Search Tool

- Places -> Search for Files...
- Graphical tool for searching by
  - name
  - content
  - owner/group
  - size
  - modification time



## locate

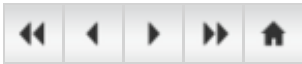
- Queries a pre-built database of paths to files on the system
  - Database must be updated by administrator
  - Full path is searched, not just filename
- May only search directories where the user has read and execute permission





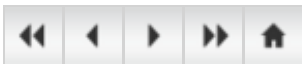
# locate Examples

- `locate passwd`
  - Search for files with "passwd" in the name or path
- Useful options
  - `-i` performs a case-insensitive search
  - `-n x` lists only the first *x* matches



# find

- `find [dir1 ...] [criteria...] [action...]`
- Searches directory trees in real-time
  - Slower but more accurate than **locate**
  - CWD is used if no starting directory given
  - All files are matched if no criteria given
- Can execute commands on found files
- Can apply boolean logic to criteria
- May only search directories where the user has read and execute permission



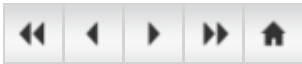
## Basic find Examples

- **find -name snow.png**
  - Search for files named `snow.png` in the current directory
- **find -iname snow.png**
  - Case-insensitive search for files named `snow.png`, `Snow.png`, `SNOW.PNG`, etc. in the current directory
- **find / -name '\*.txt'**
  - Search for files anywhere on the system that end in `.txt`
  - Wild cards should always be quoted to avoid unexpected results
- **find /etc -name '\*pass\*'**
  - Search for files in `/etc/` that contain `pass` in their name
- **find /home -user joe -group joe**
  - Search for files owned by the user `joe` and the group `joe` in `/home/`



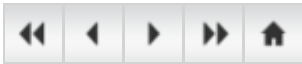
## find and Logical Operators

- Criteria are ANDed together by default.
- Can be OR'd or negated with **-o** or **-not**
- Parentheses can be used to determine logic order, but must be escaped in bash
  - `find -user joe -not -group joe`
  - `find -user joe -o -user jane`
  - `find -not \( -user joe -o -user jane \)`



## find and Permissions

- Can match ownership by name or id
  - **find / -user joe -o -uid 500**
- Can match octal or symbolic permissions
  - **find -perm 755**
    - matches if mode is *exactly* 755
  - **find -perm +222**
    - matches if *anyone* can write
  - **find -perm -222**
    - matches if *everyone* can write
  - **find -perm -002**
    - matches if other can write



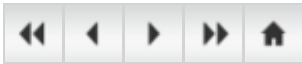
## find and Numeric Criteria

- Many **find** criteria take numeric values
- **find -size 10M**
  - Files with a size of *exactly* 10 megabytes
- **find -size +10M**
  - Files with a size *over* 10 megabytes
- **find -size -10M**
  - Files with a size *less than* 10 megabytes
- Other modifiers are available such as k for KB, G for GB, etc.



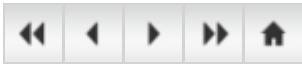
## find and Access Times

- **find** can match by inode timestamps
  - **-atime** when file was last read
  - **-mtime** when file data last changed
  - **-ctime** when file data or metadata last changed
- Value given is in days
  - `find /tmp -ctime +10`
    - Files changed more than 10 days ago
- Can use a value of minutes
  - **-amin**
  - **-mmin**
  - **-cmin**
  - `find /etc -amin -60`



## Executing Commands with find

- Commands can be executed on found files
  - Command must be preceded with **-exec** or **-ok**
    - **-ok** prompts before acting on each file
  - Command must end with **space\;**
  - Can use **{}** as a filename placeholder
  - **find -size +100M -ok mv {} /tmp/largefiles/ \;**





## find Execution Examples

- Back up configuration files, adding a `.orig` extension

```
$ find -name '*.conf' -exec cp {} {}.orig \;
```

- Prompt to remove Joe's tmp files that are over 3 days old

```
$ find /tmp -ctime +3 -user joe -ok rm {} \;
```

- Fix other-writable files in your home directory

```
$ find ~ -perm -002 -exec chmod o-w {} \;
```

- Do an `ls -l` style listing of all directories in `/home/`

```
$ find /home -type d -ls
```

- Find files that end in `.sh` but are not executable by anyone. For each file, ask to make it executable by everyone

```
$ find -not -perm +111 -name '*.sh' -ok chmod 755 {} \;
```



## End of Lecture 12

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
  - Use **locate** to quickly find files that are not new
  - Use **find** to search based on very specific criteria and optionally run commands on matching files
  - Use the **Gnome Search Tool** for an intuitive, but powerful GUI search tool.



# Lecture 13

## Network Clients



# Objectives

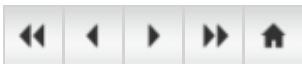
Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Browse the web
- Exchange email and instant messages
- Access a Linux system remotely
- Transfer files between systems
- Use network diagnostic tools



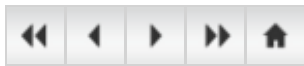
# Web Clients

- GUI and Non-GUI web browsers
- **wget**



# Firefox

- Fast, lightweight, feature-rich web browser
  - Tabbed browsing
  - Popup blocking
  - Cookie management
  - Multi-engine search bar
  - Support for many popular plug-ins
  - Themes and Extensions



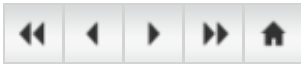
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# links

- **links** a non-GUI web browser
  - Provided by the `elinks` rpm
  - Full support for frames and SSL
  - Examples
    - **links http://www.redhat.com**
    - **links -dump http://www.redhat.com**
    - **links -source http://www.redhat.com**
  - Particularly useful for
    - Connectivity testing when **ping** is blocked
    - File retrieval when you don't remember the full URL to type for **curl** or **wget**



## wget

- Retrieves files via HTTP and FTP
- Non-interactive - useful in shell scripts
- Can follow links and traverse directory trees on the remote server - useful for mirroring web and FTP sites





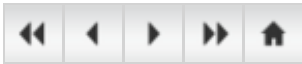
# Email and Messaging

- **Evolution**
- Thunderbird
- Mutt
- Pidgin



## Graphical Mail Clients

- Available in Red Hat Enterprise Linux Client variant only
- Evolution
  - Flexible email and groupware tool
- Thunderbird
  - Standalone Mozilla email client



# Non-GUI Mail Clients

- **mutt**

- Supports pop, imap and local mailboxes
- Highly configurable
- Mappable hot keys
- Message threading and colorizing
- GnuPG integration
- Context-sensitive help with '?'



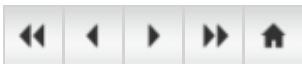
## Pidgin: Instant Messaging

- Formerly known as **GAIM**
- Available in Red Hat Enterprise Linux Client variant only
- Multi-protocol Instant messaging client
- Supports AIM, MSN, ICQ, Yahoo, Jabber, Gadu-Gadu, SILC, GroupWise Messenger, IRC and Zephyr networks
- Plugins can be used to add functionality



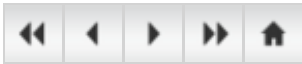
## Remote Access and File Transfer with Nautilus

- Places -> Connect to Server
- Graphically browse with multiple protocols
- Allows drag-and-drop file transfers
- Supported connection types: FTP, SFTP, SMB, WebDAV, Secure WebDAV
- Can also connect via url:
  - File -> Open Location



# OpenSSH: Secure Remote Shell

- Secure replacement for older remote-access tools
- Allows authenticated, encrypted access to remote systems
  - **ssh [user@]hostname**
  - **ssh [user@]hostname *command***
    - Include **-X** for graphical applications
      - Beware: hostile systems can take advantage of this!
      - Only use **-X** on trusted systems!



## scp: Secure File Transfer

- Secure replacement for rcp
- Layered on top of ssh
  - **scp** *source destination*
  - Remote files can be specified using:
    - **[user@]host:/path/to/file**
  - Use **-r** to enable recursion
  - Use **-p** to preserve times and permissions
  - Use **-C** to compress data stream



## rsync: Efficient File Sync

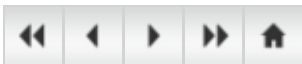
- Efficiently copies files to or from remote systems
- Uses secure **ssh** connections for transport
  - **rsync \*.conf barney:/home/joe/configs/**
- Faster than **scp** - copies differences in like files





## OpenSSH Key-based Authentication

- Optional, password-less, but still secure, authentication
- Uses two keys generated by **ssh-keygen**:
  - *private key* stays on your system
    - Usually passphrase-protected (*recommended*)
  - *public key* is copied to destination with **ssh-copy-id**
    - `ssh-copy-id -i ~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub [user@]host`



## OpenSSH Key-based Authentication continued

- An *authentication agent* stores decrypted private keys
  - Thus, passphrase only needs to be entered once
  - An agent is provided automatically in GNOME
  - Otherwise, run **ssh-agent bash**
- Keys are added to the agent with **ssh-add**



# FTP Clients

- CLI: **lftp**

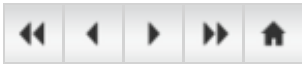
```
$ lftp ftp.example.com
```

```
$ lftp -u joe ftp.example.com
```

- Automated transfers with **lftpget**

- GUI: **gFTP**

- Applications->Internet->gFTP
- Allows Drag-and-Drop transfers
- Anonymous or authenticated access
- Optional secure transfer via ssh (sftp)



## smbclient

- FTP-like client to access SMB/CIFS resources
- Examples:
  - **smbclient -L server100** lists shares on server100
  - **smbclient -U student //server100/homes** accesses a share



# Network Diagnostic Tools

- ping
- traceroute
- host
- dig
- netstat
- **gnome-nettool** (GUI)



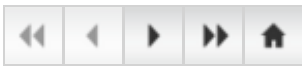
## End of Lecture 13

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
  - Firefox, Evolution and Mutt
  - Basic network diagnostic tools
  - The importance of secure network clients



## Lecture 14

# Advanced Topics in Users, Groups and Permissions



# Objectives

Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

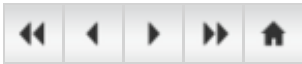
- Describe where Linux stores user, group and password information
- Set default permissions
- Use special permissions





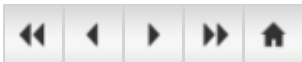
## User and Group ID Numbers

- User names map to user ID numbers
- Group names map to group ID numbers
- Data stored on the hard disk is stored numerically



## **/etc/passwd, /etc/shadow, and /etc/group files**

- Authentication information is stored in plain text files:
  - /etc/passwd
  - /etc/shadow
  - /etc/group
  - /etc/gshadow



# User Management Tools

- GUI
  - **system-config-users**
- CLI
  - **useradd**
  - **usermod**
  - **userdel [-r]**



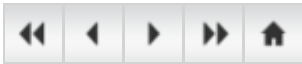
## System Users and Groups

- Server programs such as web or print servers typically run as unprivileged users, not as root
  - Examples: daemon, mail, lp, nobody
- Running programs in this way limits the amount of damage any single program can do to the system



## Monitoring Logins

- Connected users: **w**
- Login and reboot history: **last**
- Failed login attempts: **lastb**
- Most recent logins: **lastlog**



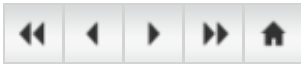
## Default Permissions

- Default permission for directories is  $777$  minus *umask*
- Default permission for files is the directory default without execute permission.
- *umask* is set with the **umask** command
- Non-privileged users' **umask** is  $002$ 
  - Files will have permissions of  $664$
  - Directories will have permissions of  $775$
- *root*'s **umask** is  $022$



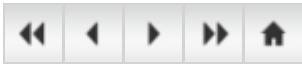
# Special Permissions for Executables

- Special permissions for executables:
  - **suid**: command run with permissions of the *owner* of the command, not executor of the command
  - **sgid**: command runs with group affiliation of the group of the command



## Special Permissions for Directories

- Special permissions for directories:
  - sticky bit: files in directories with the sticky bit set can only be removed by the owner and root, regardless of the write permissions of the directory
  - sgid: files created in directories with the sgid bit set have group affiliations of the group of the directory





## End of Lecture 14

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
  - User information is stored in `/etc/passwd`
  - Group information is stored in `/etc/group`
  - Special Permissions: Sticky Bit, SetUID, SetGID



## Lecture 15

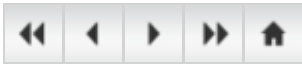
# The Linux Filesystem In-Depth



# Objectives

Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Describe how filesystem information is organized
- Describe the function of dentries and inodes
- Describe how **cp**, **mv**, and **rm** work at the inode level
- Create symbolic links and hard links
- Access removable media
- Create archives using **tar** and **gzip**



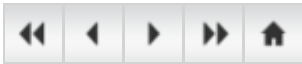
# Partitions and Filesystems

- Disk drives are divided into *partitions*
- Partitions are formatted with *filesystems*, allowing users to store data
  - Default filesystem: ext3, the Third Extended Linux Filesystem
  - Other common filesystems:
    - ext2 and msdos (typically used for floppies)
    - iso9660 (typically used for CDs)
    - GFS and GFS2 (typically for SANs)



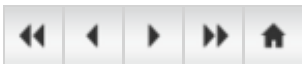
# Inodes

- An *inode table* contains a list of all files in an ext2 or ext3 filesystem
- An *inode* (index node) is an entry in the table, containing information about a file (the *metadata*), including:
  - file type, permissions, UID, GID
  - the link count (count of path names pointing to this file)
  - the file's size and various time stamps
  - pointers to the file's data blocks on disk
  - other data about the file



## Directories

- The computer's reference for a file is the *inode number*
- The human way to reference a file is by *file name*
- A *directory* is a mapping between the human name for the file and the computer's inode number



# Inodes and Directories

## Name

Associate with inode by parent directory

## Inode Metadata

Properties and a pointer to blocks on disk

## Contents

**For directories:** name/inode list (shown)  
**for files:** arbitrary data

## Report

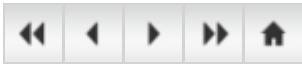
**Type: Directory**  
drwxrwxrwx prince prince  
**Blocks:** 1 **Links:** 4  
**Access:** 2003-05-08 16:15:42  
**Modify:** 2003-05-08 16:15:42  
**Change:** 2003-05-08 16:15:42

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| "."    | 592253 |
| ".."   | 249482 |
| "html" | 592255 |
| "text" | 592254 |



## cp and inodes

- The **cp** command:
  1. Allocates a free inode number, placing a new entry in the inode table
  2. Creates a dentry in the directory, associating a name with the inode number
  3. Copies data into the new file





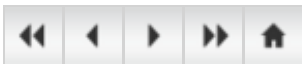
## mv and inodes

- If the destination of the **mv** command is on the same file system as the source, the **mv** command:
  1. Creates a new directory entry with the new file name
  2. Deletes the old directory entry with the old file name
- Has no impact on the inode table (except for a time stamp) or the location of data on the disk: no data is moved!
- If the destination is a different filesystem, **mv** acts as a copy and remove



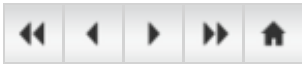
## rm and inodes

- The **rm** command:
  1. Decrements the link count, thus freeing the inode number to be reused
  2. Places data blocks on the free list
  3. Removes the directory entry
- Data is not actually removed, but will be overwritten when the data blocks are used by another file



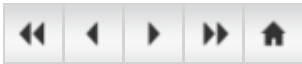
# Hard Links

- A hard link adds an additional dentry to reference a single file
  - One physical file on the filesystem
  - Each directory references the same inode number
  - Increments the link count
    - The **rm** command decrements the link count
    - File exists as long as at least one link remains
    - When the link count is zero, the file is removed
  - Cannot span drives or partitions
- Syntax:
  - **In *filename* [*linkname*]**



## Symbolic (or Soft) Links

- A symbolic link points to another file
  - **ls -l** displays the link name and the referenced file  
`lrwxrwxrwx 1 joe joe 11 Sep 25 18:02 pf -> /etc/passwd`
  - File type: **l** for symbolic link
  - The content of a symbolic link is the name of the file that it references
- Syntax:
  - `ln -s filename linkname`



# The Seven Fundamental File types

| ls -l symbol | File Type              |
|--------------|------------------------|
| -            | regular file           |
| d            | directory              |
| l            | symbolic link          |
| b            | block special file     |
| c            | character special file |
| p            | named pipe             |
| s            | socket                 |



## Checking Free Space

- **baobab** produces graphical usage report by directory
  - Applications->System Tools->Disk Usage Analyzer
- **du** produces text usage report (in kilobytes) by directory
  - Lists size of every file in all sub-directories by default
    - **-h** and **-H** display sizes in easier-to-read units
    - **-s** summarizes sub-directories instead
- **df** produces text usage report (in kilobytes) by filesystem
  - Also takes **-h** and **-H** options
  - **-T** includes filesystem types



## Removable Media

- *Mounting* integrates a foreign filesystem into the main tree
- Before accessing, media must be mounted
- Before removing, media must be unmounted
- In Gnome and KDE, devices auto-mount under `/media/`
- In console, root can manually mount devices under `/mnt/`

```
mkdir /mnt/floppy
mount /dev/fd0 /mnt/floppy
umount /dev/fd0
```

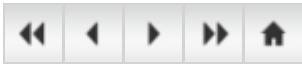
- In console, non-root users can use **gnome-mount** and **gnome-umount**

```
$ gnome-mount -t -d /dev/cdrom
$ gnome-mount -t -d /dev/sda
$ gnome-umount -t -d /dev/sdb1
```



## CDs and DVDs

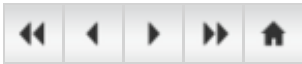
- Automatically mounted in Gnome/KDE
  - Accessible from:
    - Computer desktop icon, CD-ROM
    - CD-ROM Desktop icon
    - `/media/disk_label` or `/media/CDROM`
- Ejected with:
  - Right Click->Eject
  - **eject /dev/cdrom**
- From command-line, use **gnome-mount** and **gnome-umount**
  - `$ gnome-mount -t -d /dev/cdrom`
  - `$ gnome-umount -t -d /dev/cdrom`





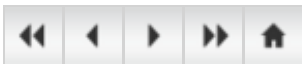
## USB Media

- Detected by the kernel as SCSI devices
  - `/dev/sda`, `/dev/sdaX`, `/dev/sdb`, `/dev/sdbX`, etc.
- Automatically mounted in Gnome/KDE
  - Similar location as CDs
    - `/media/disk_label` or `/media/disk`
  - Unmounted with:
    - Right Click->Unmount Volume
    - `umount /dev/sdax`
- From command-line, use **gnome-mount** and **gnome-umount**
  - ```
$ gnome-mount -t -d /dev/sda1
```
 - ```
$ gnome-umount -t -d /dev/sda1
```



# Archiving Files and Compressing Archives

- Archiving places many files into one target file
  - Easier to back up, store, and transfer
  - **tar** - standard Linux archiving command
- Archives are commonly compressed
  - Algorithm applied that compresses file
  - Uncompressing restores the original file
  - **tar** natively supports compression using **gzip** and **gunzip**, or **bzip2** and **bunzip2**



## Essential tar Options

- Actions (one is required):
  - **-c** create an archive
  - **-t** list an archive
  - **-x** extract files from an archive
- Typically required:
  - **-f *archivename*** name of file archive
- Optional:
  - **-z** use **gzip** compression
  - **-j** use **bzip2** compression
  - **-v** be verbose
  - **--xattrs** store SELinux and ACL properties



## Creating File Archives: Other Tools

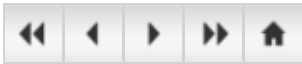
- **zip** and **unzip**

- Supports **pkzip**-compatible archives
- Example:

```
zip -r etc.zip /etc
unzip etc.zip
```

- **file-roller**

- Graphical, multi-format archiving tool



## End of Lecture 15

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
  - Linux filesystem structure
  - Using removable media
  - Using unformatted floppies
  - Archiving and compression



## Lecture 16

# Essential System Administration Tools



# Objectives

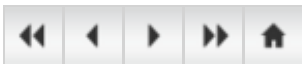
Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Explain the process of installing Red Hat Enterprise Linux
- Identify services, their status and be able to manage the runlevels which start and stop them
- Install software using multiple installation methods
- Understand the basic principles of Red Hat Enterprise Linux security, firewalls, and SELinux



## Planning an Installation

- What hardware does the system use?
  - Check hardware compatibility
- Read the `RELEASE-NOTES` file on the first DVD/CD or at <http://www.redhat.com>
  - Provides valuable summary of features and gotchas





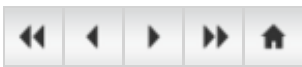
## Performing an Installation

- Installer can be started from:
  - CD-ROM or DVD-ROM
  - USB Device
  - Network (PXE)
- Supported installation sources:
  - Network Server (ftp, http or nfs)
  - CD-ROM or DVD-ROM
  - Hard Disk



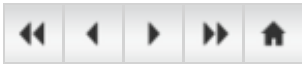
## Accessing the Installer

- Graphical installation
  - Default installation type
  - Useful switches: **lowres**, **resolution**, **skipddc**
- VNC based installation
  - Activate with **vnc** and protect the session with **vncpassword=*password***
  - Set network parameters with **ip=*IPAddress*** and **netmask=*NetworkMask***
- Text based installation
  - Started with the **text** switch
  - Menu-based terminal interface
- Serial installation
  - Used automatically when no graphic card is detected
  - Enable with: **serial=*device***



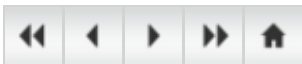
## First Boot: Post-Install Configuration

- Configure X Window System if necessary
- Firewall and SELinux Setup
- Kdump setup
- Set date and time
- Register with Red Hat Network and get updated RPMs
- Create a first user
- Configure sound card
- Install additional RPMs or Red Hat documentation from CDROM



# Managing Services

- What is a service?
- Graphical Interface to Service Management
  - **system-config-services**
- Command Line Interface to Service Management
  - **/sbin/service**
  - **/sbin/chkconfig**



# Managing Software

- Software is provided as RPM packages
  - Easy installation and removal
  - Software information stored in a local database
- Packages are provided by Red Hat Network
  - Centralized management of multiple systems
  - Easy retrieval of errata packages
  - Systems must be registered first
  - Custom package repositories may also be used



# Graphical Package Management

- **pup**

- Applications->System Tools->Software Updater
- List and install software updates

- **pirut**

- Applications->Add/Remove Software
- View, install and un-install other packages



# The Yum Package Management Tool

- Front-end to **rpm**, replacing **up2date**
- Configuration in `/etc/yum.conf` and `/etc/yum.repos.d/`
- Used to install, remove and list software
  - **yum install** *packagename*
  - **yum remove** *packagename*
  - **yum update** *packagename*
  - **yum info** *packagename*
  - **yum list available**
  - **yum list installed**



## Securing the System

- Basic security principles
  - Avoid running services that you do not need
  - Limit access to services that are running
  - Avoid using services that send data unencrypted over the network such as instant messaging, pop, imap, and telnet





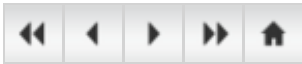
# SELinux

- Kernel-level security system
- All processes and files have a *context*
- SELinux *Policy* dictates how processes and files may interact based on context
  - Policy rules cannot be overridden
  - Default policy does not apply to all services



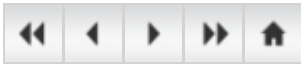
## Managing SELinux

- SELinux violations are logged in the System Log
- SELinux can be disabled in an emergency
- Disabling SELinux is discouraged!
- **system-config-selinux**
  - System->Administration->SELinux Management



# Packet Filtering

- Network traffic is divided into packets
- Each packet has source/destination data
- Firewalls selectively block packets



## Firewall and SELinux Configuration system-config-securitylevel

- System- > Administration- > Security Level and Firewall
  - Selectively allow incoming connections by port
  - Responses to outbound queries always accepted
  - Alternate interface for basic SELinux configuration
- More advanced configuration possible with other tools



## End of Lecture 16

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
  - System Installation Process
  - Managing Services
  - Software Installation Tools
  - System Security



# Lecture 17

## So, What Now?



# Objectives

Upon completion of this unit, you should be able to:

- Explore further Red Hat training
- Participate in the Linux community



## Next Up...

- RH131: Red Hat Enterprise Linux System Administration
  - Install virtual and physical systems
  - Manage local and centralized user accounts
  - Manage partitions, RAID arrays and logical volumes
  - Advanced package management
  - Troubleshooting
  - More
- Bundled with RHCT exam as RH133





## Other Red Hat System Administration Courses

- RH253: Red Hat Linux Networking & Security Administration
- RH300: Red Hat Certified Engineer Rapid Track Course
- Advanced certifications: RHCA, RHCSS, and RHCDS



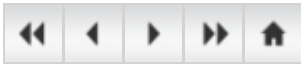
## Red Hat Developer Classes

- RHD251: Red Hat Enterprise Linux Development
- RHD361: Red Hat Enterprise Linux Kernel Internals
- RHD362: Red Hat Enterprise Linux Device Drivers



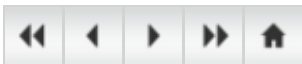
## JBoss Middleware Courses

- JB336: JBoss for Application Administrators
- JB295: JBoss Enterprise Application Development
- JB325: JBoss for Advanced Java EE Developers
- Other courses on Hibernate and Seam



## Participate in the Linux Community

- Participate in the Fedora Project
- Join a local Linux User Group (LUG)
- Subscribe to topical mailing lists
- Read news or participate in forums at Linux web sites
- Chat with developers and users on IRC



## End of Lecture 17

- Questions and Answers
- Summary
  - What to do from here?
    - Further training
    - Community involvement
    - Something else? Explore!

